

BROWNIES

BROWNIES ARE FRIENDLY CREATURES WHO like to live among the other races. They resemble smaller caricatures of gnomes, with thick brown hair and exaggerated features that can be either pointy or rotund. They are often naked or dressed in rags. Brownies can be attracted to homes and farms with offerings, such as a bowl of milk or cream, or a small cake. These offerings are usually left on the hearth.

“Brownies are exceedingly playful among themselves, but they are usually demure when they know that any human eye sees them. They commonly aid those people to whom they take a fancy, and, frequently, they have been known to perform the most friendly acts towards men and women.”

MISCHIEVOUS SPRITES

Brownies like to work alone and avoid being seen and are usually not given names. They are easily offended and, if they feel insulted or in any way taken advantage of, they vanish forever, wrecking all their work before leaving and taking the prosperity of the house with them. Brownies enjoy pulling pranks on lazy servants.

“The Brownies are believed by some to be the spirits of the people who inhabited this land many thousands of years ago—long, long before humans came. That they were not good enough to inherit the joys of heaven, but that they were too good to be condemned to eternal fires. They were said to be poor innocents. When they first came into this land, they were much larger than they are now, but ever since they have been getting smaller and smaller.”

HOUSEHOLD GUARDIANS

Brownies are said to come out at night while the owners of the house are asleep and perform various chores and farming tasks. However, they will refuse to work for a family if they are given a name or a gift of clothing.

“This spirit was purely of the household. Kindly and good, he devoted his every care to benefit the family with whom he had taken up his abode.”

BROWNIE TRAITS

Your brownie character has the following traits.

Ability Score Increase. Your Dexterity score increases by 2, and your Charisma score increases by 1.

Age. Brownies mature at the same rate humans do, but they can live from 500 to almost 700 years.

Alignment. Brownies are inclined toward good and chaos. Evil brownies are extremely rare.

Fey. Your creature type is fey, rather than humanoid.

Size. Brownies are approximately 3 feet tall and average about 15 pounds. Your size is Small.

Speed. Your base walking speed is 25 feet.

Misty Shroud. As an instinctual reaction to danger, you can vanish. When a creature makes an attack roll against you, you can use your reaction to disappear. The attack automatically misses you, and you turn invisible until the start of your next turn. Once you use this trait, you can't use it again until you finish a short or long rest.

Demure. You gain proficiency in the Stealth skill.

Household Guardian. You can cast the *unseen servant* spell as a ritual. Wisdom is your spellcasting ability for it.

Brownie Resilience. You have advantage on saving throws against illusions and against being charmed.

Languages. You can speak, read, and write Common and Sylvan.



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